

Happy Valentine's Day

SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS

February 2024



A Message From Pastor Beverly:

As Lent and Easter draw near this might be a good time to look at the 12 men Jesus chose as his disciples. They were not religious leaders, nor scholars nor did they have any special skills. They were just ordinary men with faults and shortcomings like all of us. But after Jesus's death they were the ones to carry Christ's message to the rest of the world. Andrew was the first disciple to answer Jesus' call to "follow me", and also the first disciple to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. Like many of us who have siblings, he lived in the shadow of his brother Peter. Although he was called first by Jesus, Andrew was able to step back into the background for his brother. He was a seeker of the truth and found it in Jesus. Andrew was crucified around 60 AD in the Greek city of Patras. He was bound to the cross instead of nailed and the cross was an "X" shape not a "T" shape because like his brother Peter, he didn't feel worthy to die as Jesus had.

Contact Information

Phone Number: 419-734-3404

Email: saintthomaspcch@gmail.com

Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially Maria, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Scott, Fr. John, Alec, Roseann, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Eliza, Linda and Donna: Deliver them from their distress.

Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, Mitchell, Michael, Ethan, Emily, Alan, Chris and Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, and the 983rd Combat Engineer Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.

Prayer For Peace In The World

Lord, Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred, let us build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, let us walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions, make us whole, and Bring us peace. Amen. -Pastor Beverly

Upcoming Events

- **Ministry Opportunities**
- *Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.*
- **Knitting Ministry:** Tuesdays, February 6th & 20th at 1:00pm.
- **Operation Food on the Table:** Bag packing on February 28th at 11:00am.
- **Community Meal:** February 15th at 4:00pm.
- **Ladies Luncheon:** Saturday February 17th at 12:00pm.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, February 8th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton.
- **Stations Of The Cross:** February 21st and 28th at 12:00pm.
- **Port Clinton Choir Concert:** February 22nd at 7pm.

January 2024 Vestry Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Contributions are up. Total income was close to budget. Operating expenses were down.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Beverly has some activities coming up including clergy meetings, NCMAC and winter convocation.

Food Pantry Report: Dana is packing 13 bags a week for distribution. Pastor Beverly packs 6 snack bags a week also.

Other: Building and grounds: The bell tower rope hole issue has yet to be fixed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The old piano in the guild hall is being kept for use during guild hall events. The office and conference room were offered to the Ida Rupp library to use during the renovations being made to the library. Annual meeting was held January 21st.



Join us every Sunday at 10am for service or
livestream is available at Episcopalportclinton.org



Children's Views On Love & Marriage

Love is like an avalanche where you have to run for your life. John Age 9

I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful. Manuel age 8

"If falling in love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long." -- Glenn, age 7

"Married people usually look happy to talk to other people." -- Eddie, age 6

"Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck!" -- Ricky, age 7

"It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble." -- Kenny, age 7

"Love will find you, even if you are trying to hide from it. I been trying to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me." -- Dave, age 8

"No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with." -- Kirsten, age 10



February Birthdays

- Sue Hejhal – 1st
- Sue Homsy – 21st



Don't forget to wish them Happy Birthday

Lemon Chicken Asparagus Spaghetti



Ingredients:

- 4 grilled chicken breasts, fully cooked.
- 1/2lb dry spaghetti
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2cup white wine or chicken stock
- 3tbsp olive oil
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 2tbsp chopped oregano
- 1tbsp Dijon Mustard
- 1/2 cup white wine or chicken stock
- 1 small red pepper, diced
- 2 cups chopped fresh asparagus
- 1/4 cup butter

Directions:

1. Slice the cooked chicken breasts against the grain and get the spaghetti boiling in lightly salted water.
2. In a large sauté pan, lightly sauté the garlic in the olive oil.
3. Add the butter, lemon juice and zest, oregano, wine and Dijon mustard.
4. Simmer slowly for a minute or two and then add the chopped asparagus and diced red pepper.
5. Cook for only about 4-5 minutes until the asparagus is cooked but still has a little crispness.
6. Add the sliced chicken in the last minute just to warm it through.
7. Pour the contents of the sauté pan over the cooked spaghetti and toss well before serving.

The Month Of February

February comes from the Latin word *februa*, which means "to cleanse." It was named after Februalia, the Roman festival of purification, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year. Originally, the calendar was 10 months because winter was considered a dormant, month-less period. While February is the second month in our Gregorian calendar today, it was originally the very last month added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC). Eventually (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month. The Saxons called February "Sol-monath" which means "cake month," because they would offer cakes to the gods during February.

February Facts:

Did you know that "February" is one of the most misspelled words in the English language?

February, March and November always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year.

Sadly, on February 1st, 2003 the Space Shuttle "Columbia" broke apart in flight, which killed all seven crew members. The accident was believed to be a result of damage that occurred during lift-off. The tragedy occurred only 16 minutes before the shuttle was scheduled to land.

On February 2nd, 1848, U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended their war. The U.S. paid Mexico \$15 million in exchange for California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.



When Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday

